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In re: Gray et al
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AND DISEASE RESISTANCE IN PLANTS
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2000, please amend as follows:

In The Claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleotide sequence comprising a promoter sequence that [is capable of driving] drives expression of a gene in a plant cell wherein said promoter sequence natively drives the expression of a plant cell death suppressor protein, and wherein said promoter sequence comprises the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

2. (Amended) [The promoter of claim 2, wherein said promoter comprises] An isolated nucleotide sequence comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

3. (Amended) [A DNA construct] An expression cassette comprising the [promoter] nucleotide sequence of claim [1]2, operably linked to a heterologous coding sequence.

4. (Amended) A vector comprising the [DNA construct] expression cassette of claim 3.